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Vice President Lizer advocates for tribes before the Arizona Financial Literacy Taskforce

PHOENIX, Ariz. – On Tuesday, Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer attended Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee's Statewide Financial Literacy Taskforce meeting at the Arizona Capitol where he advocated for improved financial literacy and investing for tribes. In November, Vice President Lizer was appointed by Treasurer Yee to serve on the statewide Financial Literacy Taskforce to represent American Indians in the state of Arizona.

"Financial literacy is the cornerstone in many daily family conversations and is one of the top priorities of the Nez-Lizer Administration. Financial literacy has come to be known as the ability to understand and effectively apply various financial skills, including personal financial management, budgeting, and investing," said Vice President Lizer. "The need for financial literacy is great among tribal communities in order to improve our abilities to invest, leverage our financial resources, and grow our financial portfolios for the benefit of tribes."

In June, Treasurer Yee initiated the first financial literacy task force in Arizona, which aims to advance financial literacy throughout the state of Arizona to ensure all Arizonans, including tribes, have the opportunity to attain proficiency in essential money management.

The 17-member task force has been proactive in bringing resources to students, senior citizens, military veterans, and vulnerable populations to help manage their finances.



PHOTO: Navajo Nation Vice President Myron Lizer and Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee at the statewide Financial Literacy Taskforce meeting on Jan. 28, 2020 in Phoenix, Ariz.

"It is important for American Indians to have a voice on issues that impact our tribal nations, including finances. Many times, tribal representation is not heard or considered in policy and decision making processes at the state level. I am thankful to Treasurer Yee for the opportunity to work collaboratively on an initiative that is crucial to the Navajo Nation," added Vice President Lizer.

In July 2019, Vice President Lizer and Treasurer Yee visited the Fort Defiance senior center on the Navajo Nation to help promote financial literacy among Navajo elders. They were joined by First Lady Phefelia Nez and Second Lady Dottie Lizer for the visit to the senior center where they shared information on the importance of budgeting on a fixed income and financial planning.

On behalf of the Office of the President and Vice President, Vice President Lizer thanks Treasurer Kimberly Yee and the members of the Statewide Financial Literacy Taskforce for working collaboratively with the Navajo Nation.

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